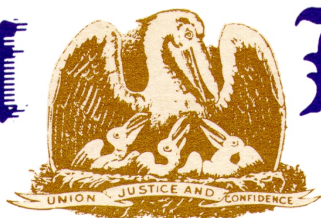


# State of Louisiana



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 51 BJ 2008

### *STATE OF EMERGENCY - HURRICANE GUSTAV*

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, in order to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** when the Governor determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, R.S. 29:724(B)(1) empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation, or both;

**WHEREAS,** Hurricane Gustav is expected to impact the coastal parishes of Louisiana with hurricane strength winds, wave surges, high tides, torrential rain and tornado activity. The storm is expected to make landfall on the Louisiana coast on or about September 1, 2008, with the expectation that hurricane force winds will reach the Louisiana coast prior to landfall;

**WHEREAS,** the forecast from the National Weather Service indicates that the coastal parishes of Louisiana will be subjected to hurricane conditions to such a degree that life and property will be placed in jeopardy;

**WHEREAS,** the coastal parishes of Louisiana are expected to issue parish declarations of emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** a declaration of emergency is necessary to allow state agencies to thoroughly prepare for any eventuality and to allow federal agencies and federal resources to be deployed if necessary;

**NOW THEREFORE I, BOBBY JINDAL,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, a state of emergency is declared to exist in the state of Louisiana as a result of forecasted hurricane activity which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the state.

**SECTION 2:** The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to undertake any activity authorized by law which he deems necessary and appropriate in response to this declaration;

**SECTION 3:** The state of emergency extends from August 27, 2008 through September 26, 2008, unless terminated sooner.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I** have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

/S/ Bobby Jindal  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Jay Dardenne  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**